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**FEDERAL PRISON LIEUTENANT PLEADS GUILTY
TO VIOLATING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF AN INMATE**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that EDWARD A. MULRONEY, a Lieutenant with the federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), pled guilty today before United States District Judge P. KEVIN CASTEL to a felony charge of violating the civil rights of an inmate by using excessive force against the inmate.

According to the Indictment, MULRONEY was employed as a Lieutenant with the BOP assigned to the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in Manhattan. The Indictment charges that, on or about August 22, 2003, MULRONEY beat an inmate identified as "John Doe," a pre-trial detainee, while the inmate was handcuffed, lying chest-down on the ground, and under the physical control of two other correction officers. According to the Indictment, the inmate suffered multiple fractures to his left eye socket and left cheekbone as a result of MULRONEY's use of force. No charges were filed against the two other officers.

The federal civil rights laws make it a crime to willfully deprive a pre-trial detainee of the right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by someone acting under color of law.

MULRONEY, 53, lives in Staten Island.

MULRONEY will be sentenced by Judge CASTEL on August 24, 2005.

Mulroney faces a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment.

Mr. KELLEY praised the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys SERENE K. NAKANO and NEIL M. CORWIN are in charge of the prosecution.

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